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	TIONAL APPLICATION NO. 2003/029983	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 25 September 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 26 September 2002							
TITLE OF INVENTION										
Orthopedic Medical Device with Unitary Components APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US										
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l	Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:									
	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.									
	This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.									
3. 📙	This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.									
	The US has been elected (Article 31).									
5. 🗹	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))									
	a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).									
	b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.									
	c. s not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).									
6. 🗀	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).									
<u> </u> 	a. is attached hereto.									
l _	b. has been previously submit	tted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).								
7.	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))									
	a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).									
	b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.									
	c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.									
	d. A have not been made and w	will not be made.								
8. 🗆	An English language translation of th	ne amendments to the claims under PCT A	rticle 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).							
9.	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).									
10.	An English language translation of the Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).	e annexes of the International Preliminary I	Examination Report under PCT							
Items	s 11 to 20 below concern document(s	e) or information included:								
11.	An Information Disclosure Statement	under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.								
12.	An assignment document for recording	ng. A separate cover sheet in compliance w	rith 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.							
13.	A preliminary amendment.	•								
14.	An Application Data Sheet under 37 (CFR 1.76.	•							
15. 🔲	A substitute specification.									
16.	A power of attorney and/or change of	address letter.								
17.	A computer-readable form of the sequence	uence listing in accordance with PCT Rule	13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825.							
18.	A second copy of the published Interr	national Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d))(4).							
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20.	Other items or information:									

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